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51. (New) A pointing device comprising:

a housing;

a first sensor disposed within the housing and positionable over a first surface, the surface having a plurality of uniquely coded positions arranged in a gradient, the first sensor to detect the uniquely coded position underneath the first sensor;

a second sensor disposed within the housing and positionable over a second surface, the surface having a plurality of uniquely coded positions arranged in a gradient, the second sensor to detect the uniquely coded position underneath the second sensor: and

whereby the position detected by the first sensor and the position detected by the second sensor relates to a unique position of the device and information relative to such position is communicated.

**REMARKS**

Applicant herewith cancels claims 1-29 in the present case and submits new claims 30-51. The present case is a continuation of application serial number 08/890,186, filed July 9, 1997.

New claims 30-51 are pending in the present application and are related to claim numbered 7-28 in the related case. The claims are supported by the specification.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of all claims in the pending application.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests consideration of the application and allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-373-6911 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

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